

TOWN OF MAYNARD

Conservation Commission

Minutes 8/10/2021 195 Main Street

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Commission Members Present: Susan Erickson, John Dwyer, Jeffrey Black

Absent: John Milhaven

Others Present: Kaitlin Young (agent), Richard Salter (10 Mill Street)

Meeting called to order at 6:36 by Conservation Commission Chair Susan Erickson.

Public Hearings

A. Notice of Intent for 10 Mill Street (DEP file number 213-288)

The proposed project includes the removal of multiple trees located within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and their respective 100-foot Buffer Area, River Bank, the 200 foot Riverfront Area, and within 100-Year Floodplain at 10 Mill Street. Applicant Richard Salter explained that with the help of Conservation Agent Kaitlin Young, he calculated the total canopy loss per the DEP's request. The majority of the canopy loss was not over resource area, but over landscaped area at the front of the site, and impervious surface. The Commission agreed that the work would not negatively impact the resource areas on site, and that the project met the performance standards of both the bylaw and the Wetland Protection Act.

Mr. Black made a motion to approve of the project and issue the Order of Conditions, which was seconded by Mr. Dwyer and passed unanimously.

B. Request for Determination of Applicability for 6 Glenview Terrace

The proposed work includes the construction of a pool deck within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a perennial stream at 6 Glenview Terrace. The applicant was not in attendance. Ms. Young explained that the Building Commissioner had mistakenly issued a permit for an above ground pool in Fall of 2020 and did not realize that the project was within 50 feet of an intermittent stream. The Commission previously waived the requirements of mitigation or permitting for the pool, as it would have created a financial hardship for the applicant, but required that the applicant submit a Request for Determination of Applicability for the proposed pool deck. Ms. Young said that the applicant had moved the original location of the deck so that it was further away from the resource area. The deck would not cause significant disturbance as it was to be installed using sonotubes, and would not lead to an increase in impervious surface on site.

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to issue a negative determination for the proposed pool deck, which was seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously.

Enforcement and Violations

A. 94, 96, 100 Powder Mill Road

The Commission reviewed the ongoing cleanup at the John Deere site. Ms. Young provided images and explained that the final removal of dumpsters and hydroseeding had yet to be done. The Commission agreed to give another extension to the Enforcement Order, giving the owner until the September 14th meeting to finish outstanding items.

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to extend the Enforcement Order to September 14, 2021, which was seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously.

Land Management

A. Winter Street Land Swap Update

Ms. Young explained that the owner of 18 Winter Street was interested in proceeding with the land swap between Conservation land abutting 124 Acton Street and 18 Winter Street. Ms. Young said that VHB was in the process of preparing a quote for survey work and a 21E assessment on the property, per legal counsel's request, and the Commission would have a chance to review and vote on the quote once received.

B. Acceptance of 0 Parker Street Property Donation

Mr. Black made a motion to accept the gift of land from the owners of a 6.592 acre portion of assessor's parcel 29-6, as depicted as "Proposed Lot 6" on a Plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan, Old Bay Road, LLC; 0 Parker Street, Map 29, Lot 6, Town of Maynard, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts" contingent upon a clear title and approval of the Select Board, which was seconded by Mr. Dwyer and passed unanimously.

Administration

A. Minutes

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to approve of the minutes of 7/13/2021, which was seconded by Mr. Black and passed unanimously.

B. Grant Opportunity: SuAsCo Community Small Grants Program

The Commission discussed applying for the SuAsCo Community Small Grants Program. They asked Ms. Young to research the cost of informational signage at locations abutting the Assabet River for the September meeting.

Adjournment

A. M. J. Dwyer made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM. The motion was seconded by J. Black and approved unanimously.